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September 13, 2017

Mr. Jared Serbu
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SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-010535

Dear Mr. Serbu:

This is acknowledges receipt and is a final response to your September 6, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the NAVSEA FOIA Mailbox for access to and copies of the final report and any associated records pertaining to a NAVSEA command investigation as to the alleged operation of an unauthorized law enforcement organization at Norfolk Naval Shipyard between approximately 2002 and 2014.

A review of our files revealed you made a prior request to this office for the same information on September 10, 2017 under DON-NAVY-2017-010446. Since we have already begun processing that request, the subject request is being administratively closed as a duplicate.

Please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan at telephone 202-781-3359, if you have any questions concerning the status of your request, or send an email to navseafoia@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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By direction

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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the final report and any associated records pertaining to a NAVSEA command investigation as to the alleged operation of an unauthorized law enforcement organization at Norfolk Naval Shipyard between approximately 2002 and 2014.

To assist in locating any records associated with this request, the investigation in question is summarized in a NAVSEA-generated series of slides at the following URL: <http://fedne.ws/uploads/R5IKxK56Q0>

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on serious allegations of public corruption, as described by one of NAVSEA's own investigators, that is of current interest to the public because to date, the public record shows no evidence that any of the parties involved in the above-referenced investigation has

been held accountable. Additionally, NAVSEA's investigator described the case as "something that could happen at any command" absent appropriate oversight.

This information is being sought on behalf of Federal News Radio for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jared Serbu

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